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J6656(C)  
Y2-R525-EDGPATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Attorney Docket No.:** J6656(C)  
Applicant: Chandar et al.  
Serial No.: 09/998,958  
Filed: November 1, 2001  
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STABILIZED RETINOIDS  
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Group: 1617  
Examiner: L.Q. Wells  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the Request for Continued Examination of this application. A request for a two month extension of time accompanies the RCE, extending the due date from the date of the Advisory Action of October 22, 2003 to December 22, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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